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Arthur Schlesinger and I came down together this morning. My first act was to be photographed in front of the Lincoln bronze given by Jock. This was ordered by the Department -- for what reason I know not. We had the usual reports of bad luck in Laos. The cease-fire is not yet effective, and the normal confusion continues to prevail.

Rumors about the Algerian revolt continue to circulate. The mutinous generals are shortly to be tried in person or in absentia. It is possible the Foreign Legion will be dissolved. I gave a Service Award this morning to Mr. Henry Pippin who is retiring after 41 years of employment in the Embassy. He and his wife are going to live on the Isle of Wight. In preparation for this he has bought a small sailboat. He is an amusing fellow, full of quips.

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This afternoon, I saw Lt. General Robert Wood, who is delivering the Kermit Roosevelt lectures at the military establishments here. Dr. Carl Walske, the new AEC scientific representative, visited me. He was especially interesting on the subject of the Geneva test ban conference. He thinks it will result in no decision.

We went to dinner at Mary Lee and Douglas Fairbanks' house. The following guests were there:

H.R.H. The Princess Margaret and Mr. Anthony Armstrong-Jones
Admiral the Earl Mounthatten of Burma K.G.
Sir Edward and Lady Ford
Viscount and Viscountess Hambleden
Mr. John Foster, Q.C., M.P.,
The Lady Elizabeth Clyde
Prince and Princess Radziwill
Sir Eric Mieville, G.C.I.E.
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Cazalet
The Duchess of Buccleuch and Queensbury
Mr. and Mrs. Stavros Niarchos
Viscount Camrose
H.E. the Spanish Ambassador and the Marquesa de Santa Cruz
Princess Joan Aly Khan
Viscount and Viscountess Monckton of Brenchley
The Lady Alexandra Melcalfe
The Marquess and Marchioness of Lansdowne
Sir Malcolm Sargent.

It was a most agreeable occasion. I sat between Princess Margaret and the Marquesa de Santa Cruz. The Princess has a lovely complexion, but is very short in stature. She is lively and agreeable in conversation. Everyone seems to adore the wife of the Spanish Ambassador. I can see why, for she is unusually gay and attractive.

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